



**FROM THE TOP:** Happy Holidays Already?  
Meeting December 10 at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs 6 pm.

Wow, time sure flies when you are having fun! I hope everyone is having fun! It is almost time to put another year in the books and it seems like we just got started. Hamfest, VHF Contest, Field Day, BBQ, Camp Out at Dillon's Beach were just a few of the fun times and now it is time for the VOMARC Christmas Party. The Party will be held at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs on December 10 at 6 PM.

The monthly club breakfast will be held at the Black Bear Diner on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and West Napa Street in Sonoma on the first Saturday of the month, December 6, at 8:30 AM. Issa's is being remodeled and is not available.

Elections were held at the November meeting and myself, KD6FIL, President, Jim Hill, K6UUW, Vice President, Marty Nemiroff, KI6RTP, Treasurer, and Joan Brady, W6WXU, Secretary, were nominated for office and were unopposed, so we got elected. Thanks

go out to our past officers, Eileen and Ken for all the work they have done for VOMARC.

What are our plans for next year? Let me know what you would like to do!! More contests, special events, field trips, work parties are all possibilities. Please check your schedule and sign up for net control for the VOMARC Wednesday night net and the ACS Monday night net. It is fun and good experience. We are looking for speakers for the monthly meeting. If you have some ideas let the speaker committee of Jim, Ken and Joan know. The Hamfest will be April 25; Field Day is June 27-28. Special Events and Contests are always a possibility. This is your club and your input is needed to keep it going!

I hope to see you all at the December meeting and hear you on the air in the New Year.

### **Minutes of the November 19 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. There were 17 in attendance.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** There is a balance of \$2,170.75 in the bank. Filters for the radios have been ordered.

**ACS Report:** There was a great turn out Saturday for the drill. Thirteen people participated. The drill consisted of GPS locating and message handling. People were sent out to the various EOCs and needed to locate them by their coordinates. Then they needed to activate the stations and relay the coordinates back to the EOC. Anyone who has not been to all the stations should call Jim, K6UUW, and arrange to go on a Monday night. The previous Saturday was a call out drill. There will be an upcoming RIMS ICS training, so now is a great time for new members to join ACS. If you are interested, call Ken, N6KM, ASAP.

Net control sign ups are wanted for the year 2009. A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting, and there are still plenty of slots available.

There will be a VE Session on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at McDougal Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, CA.

Training Officer Report: There are 2 hams in the club at the high school and a couple more interested in joining. The project for the club at the moment is building a crystal set. They have also built twin lead J pole antennas. The members still need to get on the air. It was discussed using echo link to set up a schedule of contacts with other school clubs. Kids day is coming up on January 3, 2009. WB2JKJ in New York is always looking for school contacts.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The monthly breakfast has been moved to the Black Bear Diner due to remodeling of Izza's. It is still the first Saturday of the month, but is at

8:30AM. It was necessary to move it to an earlier time in order to get a group table.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The December dinner and installation of officers is Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 6pm. It is at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs as it was last year. The price is \$20.00 per person for dinner (order off the menu) and if one is only coming for dessert and coffee, the price is \$5.00. Wine is a separate charge. There is no corkage fee if one brings their own wine. Please contact Eileen, KG6QNT, to sign up for the dinner.

Nominations were still open; however, hearing no other nominations, they were closed and election was held. The officers for 2009 are as follows. President, Dave, KD6FIL, Vice President, Jim, K6UUW, Treasurer, Marty, KI6RTP, Secretary, Joan, W6WXU. Installation will be at the December dinner.

The program committee consists of Jim, K6UUW, Ken, N6KM, and Joan, W6WXU. Suggestions for programs are satellite contact, DX - the DX foundation lends videos. Any other suggestions are more than welcome.

Gene Wade became a silent key this week. A card is being sent to Rachel and we hope she continues in the ham club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

The program for the evening was presented by Mike, WB6TMH, and was on antenna analyzers. People were welcome to hook their rigs to the analyzer and test it.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan W6WXU

**New NOAA Weather Radio Transmitter**

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAN  
FRANCISCO CA

420 PM PST TUE NOV 25 2008...

NEW SONOMA COUNTY NOAA  
WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS  
TRANSMITTER  
BECOMES ACTIVE ON NOVEMBER 25  
2008 NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL  
HAZARDS STATION WZ-2504 WILL  
BEGIN TRANSMITTING ON THE  
FREQUENCY OF 162.475 MHZ SERVING  
THE SAN FRANCISCO NORTH BAY  
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AND NAPA COUNTIES.

FOR SALE: ICOM IC-W32A dual-band handi-  
talkie for 144/440 mHz. Like new condition  
in original box with all original components.  
Covers aircraft AM frequencies and WX  
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Mass. radio operators remember  
shipwreck

By Associated Press

TRURO - The shipwreck of the  
Steamship Portland, known as "New  
England's Titanic," was remembered  
110 years later as Cape ham radio  
operators transmitted the story of the  
tragedy far and wide.

Nearly 200 people were killed when the  
Portland went down about 25 miles  
north of Truro in a vicious storm in  
November 1898.

Many of the victims were headed back  
to Portland from Boston after  
Thanksgiving. No one knows why the  
ship's captain left port, despite  
forecasts of bad weather.

On Friday, amateur radio operator  
Henry Brown of Falmouth and other  
radio enthusiasts transmitted the story

from the Cape Cod Highland  
Lighthouse.

Eastham resident Bud Hall sent the  
Portland's story out via Morse code.

Brown told the Cape Cod Times he  
wanted to be sure people didn't forget  
the Portland.

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**2008/2009 VOMARC**  
Net Control Assignments

Month	Name	Call
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W6LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**2008/2009**  
ACS Net Control Assignments

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DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

## **HE VOMARC WIRELESS**

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### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL– President

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT

Vice-President/Membership Chair

Joan Brady, W6WXU – Secretary

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Treasurer

Station Trustee for W6AJF

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS Unit Leader

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress

Joel Nadler, NN6J – VE Liaison

Jim Hill, K6UUW – Elmer Coordinator

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Editor

***Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.***

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2<sup>nd</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

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**THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT MARY'S IN BOYES SPRINGS AT 6 PM.  
CALL TO MAKE A RESERVATION OR SHOW UP WITH \$20 FOR DINNER. SEE  
YOU THERE.**

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**VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

**VOMARC 2008**    Membership Dues:    \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).  
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**Membership Moment, From the Database Queen**

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues  
may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next

meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**